

**Virginia Department of Health
Pandemic Influenza Monthly Activity Report
April 2, 2007**

WORLDWIDE UPDATE

- The total number of human cases of H5N1 influenza reported by the World Health Organization is now 285, including 170 deaths (59.6%). In the past month, one case and one death have been reported by China, six cases and zero deaths reported by Egypt, and one case and two deaths reported by Lao People's Democratic Republic. China's latest case had no known contact with sick birds prior to illness onset; investigations regarding sources of exposure are ongoing. Egypt's cases were all among children between the ages of 2 and 10 years. Four had exposure to sick birds, and two had exposure to backyard poultry. Lao's new case was fatal and had exposure to a sick duck in the home; the second death occurred in early March in a teenager who became ill in late February.
- The WHO has published a timeline of H5N1 events among animals and humans, which can be viewed at:
http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian_influenza/Timeline_2007_03_20.pdf.

VDH ACTIVITIES – Central Office

- The next PanFlu Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2007, at the Holiday Inn Central, 3207 North Boulevard Richmond, VA, 23230. Registration begins at 8:30 AM; the meeting starts at 9:00 AM and will end at 1:00 PM.
- Training and Education Director spoke at the Virginia Bankers Association's Security Workshop in Charlottesville.
- Deputy Commissioner for Emergency Preparedness and Response and the Deputy Director of Epidemiology attended a workshop in Philadelphia, sponsored by ASTHO, on PanFlu planning. The workshop included representatives from HHS Public Health Service Regions 1, 2, 3 and 5 and focused on discussion of four key planning and policy issues: 1) community containment plans; 2) antiviral distribution planning; 3) vaccine distribution planning; and 4) new federal legislation addressing public health preparedness and response. Many new policy initiatives were discussed, including possible increased use of antiviral prophylaxis and rapid development of new influenza vaccines. A workshop summary will be distributed by ASTHO. This is the second of three workshops being presented nationwide. Following this workshop, both VDH representatives participated in a meeting of Region 3 health officers and their representatives to discuss PanFlu and emergency planning, as well as other state health department initiatives within the region, which includes Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Washington, D.C., Virginia and West Virginia.
- Deputy Commissioner for Emergency Preparedness and Response did a presentation on PanFlu planning to members of the Virginia Infectious Diseases Society (VIDS) in Williamsburg, Virginia. The presentation was followed by extensive discussion of antiviral and vaccine distribution planning, with many suggestions made for the state antiviral distribution plan. Infectious Diseases physicians were encouraged to get involved in local PanFlu planning.
- State Planning Coordinator provided PanFlu Planning brief to a meeting (in Harrisonburg) of Local administrators, emergency managers, college / university representatives and Responders from the Northwest Region.
- Non-health PanFlu Plan Abstracts submitted to DHHS.

- Cabinet-level PanFlu Tabletop Exercise (TTX) scheduled for Sep. 4.
- National Governors' Association (NGA) PanFlu TTX scheduled for late Sep.
- Health Districts and EP&R Regions continue community outreach and coordinated PanFlu planning (refer to attached VDH Pandemic Flu Activities Progress Report).

VDH Pandemic Flu Activities Progress Report

VDH ACTIVITIES – Regional Reports

- **Eastern Region**
 - Trainer and Administrative Assistant assisting the Three Rivers Health District plan their PanFlu Continuity Planning Seminar scheduled for April 4.
 - Medical Consultant reviewed the CDC Pre-Pandemic Planning Guidance: Community Strategy for Pandemic Influenza Mitigation at the Sentara Virginia Beach Disaster Committee Meeting.
 - PIO participated in the Delmarva Avian Influenza Joint Task Force Meeting.
 - Medical Consultant gave a presentation “CDC Pre-Pandemic Planning Guidance: Community Strategy for Pandemic Influenza Mitigation” at the Sentara Norfolk General Emergency Management Committee Meeting.
- **Northwest Region**
 - Community-based emergency response seminars, entitled Preparing for All Abilities, were held to increase understanding of requirements and expectations between first responders and citizens with special needs, including emergency preparation activities related to PanFlu. Seminars were held in Fredericksburg and Charlottesville.
- **Southwest Region**
 - Planner met with a large manufacturing facility Environmental, Health and Safety Official regarding PanFlu preparations at the facility and agreed to assist as a resource for the development of a PanFlu plan for the facility.
 - Regional team attended the CBERS Training (in Roanoke). This will be helpful in the event of an outbreak in assisting those challenged citizens with disabilities.
 - PIO conducted media relations training for the Lenowisco Health District, training over 70 employees over a two-day period.
 - PIO compiled a list of contacts for school superintendents, nursing coordinators and school district PIOs for use in the dissemination of PanFlu-related materials and information.
 - Planner and PIO attended the Mountain Empire Tri Media Public Safety Committee meeting in Bristol. The purpose of this meeting is to develop and foster relationships with media outlet personnel in the event of an emergency or disease outbreak. This meeting was attended by personnel from VDH, VDOT, VSP, OAG, DMME, ARC, Bristol Police Department and media personnel from the far SW portion of the region.

VDH ACTIVITIES – Health District Reports

- **Alexandria**
 - Selected and met with contractor hired to work on Medical and Public Health Surge component of our plan.
 - Selected and met with contractor selected to work on Fatality Management component of our plan.
 - Tested our train-the-trainer presentation with three groups of community leaders. Presentation is designed to train leaders in making a pandemic presentation to their own constituencies and organizations, especially organizations encompassing culture-specific groups or especially vulnerable populations.
 - Communication with the Public working group is finalizing plans for a city-wide train-the-trainer event.

- Isolation and Quarantine group continues to meet; focusing on legal barriers and issues.
- Health Department continuing to refine its Continuity of Operations Plan, especially focusing on computer issues based on recent request from state.
- **Arlington**
 - Doctors' Office survey was presented to the Medical Advisory Group for consideration following which the survey will be administered by online access or fax.
 - Planner continues to work on a comprehensive review of the local public health response plans identifying gaps based on the VDH and HHS guidance for PanFlu and the Public Health Ready criteria. Focus is on developing and implementing documents, such as workflow diagrams, standard operating procedures, templates and checklists, which will all enhance operability.
 - Arlington County continues to work on planning for the management of mass fatalities through monthly meetings. Version 4 of the draft plan has been made available to the Fatality Management Work Group. This work is being done in partnership with law enforcement, EMS, Virginia Hospital Center and local funeral directors. Planner is also participating in the Northern Virginia regional efforts to identify solutions to the issue and develop a regional concept of operations.
 - The MRC Volunteers participated in Dispensing Site training in March. Future trainings are planned.
 - Planner met with DOD public health and medical partners in the regularly scheduled monthly meeting that focuses on the development of an integrated public health and medical response plan. Attendance included representatives from Fort Myer, the Pentagon, the JTF-GNO and the Arlington Office of Emergency Management. The Public Health Director and Public Health Emergency Planner participated in Pandemic Influenza presentations at Fort Myer. This is the precursor to a more comprehensive PanFlu exercise in July, 2007.
 - Georgetown Nursing students have conducted interviews with one restaurant and one physician private practice, as they work to develop model plans for both business types in Arlington.
 - Planner, along with a Georgetown Graduate Intern, are developing a triage and screening clinic model for use during PanFlu. Planning work continues on identifying and working other issues related to community surge.
 - Citizen Outreach continues and includes:
 - ❖ Brochure development – focuses on personal preparedness and managing illness; hired a brochure designer known to OEM for previous work on companion OEM brochure; second draft in progress. Contacted appropriate translation resource. Brochure reviewed by three community physicians. Virginia Hospital Center and Medical Society agreed to support it. Plan to deliver to all Arlington households with Citizen in August/September.
 - ❖ Planning for live Cable TV broadcast event in September – “What Arlington County is Doing to Prepare for Pandemic Influenza.”
 - ❖ Panel discussion/presentations – Public Health Director, Public Health Emergency Planner, OEM, Fire/EMS, maybe someone from the hospital. Live audience – Civic Federation will support. Questions and answer from live audience and call-ins; re-broadcast in Spanish. Tape will be made of discussion to replay at additional community gatherings, such as PTAs, Civic Association meetings). Publicize in Citizen, other community venues

- Business Outreach continues and includes:
 - ❖ Met with key leaders at Chamber of Commerce, Business Partnerships
 - ❖ Began outreach to larger corporations to establish better connections for PanFlu planning – SRA, NRECA, SAIC, Pearson, Boeing
 - ❖ Plan to invite representatives to a focus group session on May 2nd. The group will respond to a planning checklist specific for businesses. Overall goal is to encourage planning and give information about public health planning and response.
 - ❖ Plan to tape a five-minute segment on PanFlu preparedness for Biz Launch, an Arlington County Economic Development office aimed at small businesses, website in April. In this segment, the Director will respond to interview questions from a Biz Launch staff member. The segment may be also part of some cable TV programming.
 - ❖ Also looking at ways to involve MRC in further outreach to small businesses possibly in collaboration with the Partnerships.
- Student Outreach continues and includes:
 - ❖ Tested and revised outreach materials.
 - ❖ Made outreach efforts to large businesses; attempted to identify key contacts in 20 large businesses.
 - ❖ Identified and obtained outreach materials.
 - ❖ Inventoried public health flu preparedness outreach materials.
- **Central Virginia**
 - Director, planner, epidemiologist held a second meeting with from Centra Health (local hospitals) to review draft PanFlu plan
 - Director, planner and epidemiologist met with Emergency Manager for the City of Lynchburg to review and revise health-related sections of the city's EOP (two meetings).
 - Director, planner and epidemiologist met with CEO Centra Health, Lynchburg City Manager to discuss community response to an influenza pandemic.
 - Planner met with Emergency Planners from the jurisdictions in the health district to continue discussion on regional planning for PanFlu.
- **Central Shenandoah**
 - Director and Planner attended the NW Region Hospital Group meeting to listen to PanFlu presentation given by State Planner.
 - Planner issued three new Push Method MOU's to community partners for consideration.
 - Planner met with the Augusta County LEPC to give PUSH MOU update on and discussion of PanFlu planning activities in the area.
 - District and Regional Planners, OCME and VDEM visited Virginia Department of Forestry cold storage site in Augusta County to determine if the facility could be used as a temporary mass fatality storage location.
- **Chesapeake**
 - Planner organizing a PanFlu continuity of operations panel for the Annual Conference of the Hampton Roads chapter of the Conference of Minority Public Administrators (COMPA) in June 2007.
 - Planner and City Emergency Management developed a matrix to track the development of City Department PanFlu plans.
 - Department staff met with Regional Trainer to plan for a business-oriented PanFlu planning seminar in Chesapeake in June 2007.

- Contacted city's funeral homes to request responses to a capacity and capability survey to measure community preparedness for a flu pandemic.
- Department staff is currently interviewing individuals for the new part-time position as the administrative assistant for the PanFlu program.
- **Chesterfield**
 - Educator made presentations to staff at two local high schools as well as staff at a local community service boards. The health educator and school nurses participated in two health fairs, one at an elementary school and one at a middle school.
 - An Office Support Specialist was hired to assist with PanFlu initiatives.
 - Educator rescheduled an upcoming presentation to staff at a local high school for April 24.
 - Educator scheduled presentations to staff at a local high school (April 25), an AP biology class at a local high school (April 30), a local church (April 21) and a local retired men's group (April 5). Educator also scheduled an interview to be aired on local cable through April 5 and a health fair at a local high school (April 20).
- **Chickahominy**
 - Director met with the medical director for Hanover Healthcare Center.
 - PanFlu Coordinator collaborated with Lay Health Educator to present to Charles City Church group.
 - PanFlu Coordinator beginning planning with Charles City Co. Schools.
 - PanFlu Coordinator continuing to consult with Hanover Co Schools on PanFlu planning.
 - PanFlu Coordinator formed partnership with Continuity First, Hanover Chamber and Association of Businesses and Hanover County Office of Economic Development to plan PanFlu and Emergency Preparedness Seminar for Businesses in Hanover County. Randolph-Macon College and Bon Secours Memorial Regional Medical Center were also asked and agreed to be sponsors, providing monetary support. Speakers included Regional PIO, PanFlu Coordinator and COOP specialist from Continuity First. Hanover Office of Economic Development secured Sheltering Arms Rehabilitation facility as a sponsor for the event, as well.
 - PanFlu Coordinator formed partnership with Hanover County group of churches and church member, Steve Harrison, SNS Coordinator and State Exercise Coordinator, to present PanFlu and Emergency Preparedness Seminar for citizens of Hanover County.
 - PanFlu Coordinator partnering with New Kent County Chamber of Commerce, New Kent Church Disaster Team and New Kent County Department Fire and Rescue and Red Cross to present PanFlu and Emergency Preparedness Seminar to citizens of New Kent County.
 - New Kent County Fire and Rescue Dept. sending PanFlu Brochure to all citizens of New Kent County in Fire Dept monthly mailing.
 - PanFlu Coordinator partnering with Lay Health Educator in Charles City designed a PanFlu Train-the-Trainer program for citizens; citizens were taught how to do presentations to others in the county. Twenty attended.
 - PanFlu materials distributed at Community Health and Safety Fair.
 - PanFlu Coordinator mentoring UVA Graduate Masters in Public Health Nursing student; Coordinator and student gave presentation to church in Hanover County.
 - Graduate intern presenting PanFlu materials at AARP Health Fair.
 - PanFlu Coordinator invited Hanover Co. LEPC Business, Chemtreat, to be partner/sponsor; Chemtreat in Hanover printing approximately 100 Emergency

Preparedness Booklets written by Planner. Booklets will be given out at PanFlu Seminar.

- PanFlu Coordinator and Director of Hanover's Assisted Living Covenant Woods held roundtable event in which vendors and suppliers discussed PanFlu planning with PanFlu Coordinator and Planner. PanFlu Coordinator gave PanFlu presentation to vendors and assisted living staff.
- PanFlu planning completed at New Kent County Schools.
- PanFlu Coordinator and Planner met with Cumberland Hospital in New Kent on PanFlu planning.
- PanFlu Coordinator gave presentation to Mechanicsville Rotary in Hanover.

- **Crater**

- Planner and Health Educator attended the Petersburg PanFlu Advisory Committee meeting. Assignments were made to begin the formalization of a pandemic plan for the city. Templates were sent out via email and are being evaluated by the members of the team.
- The Planner and PanFlu Health Educator presented a Pandemic Flu information session to Petersburg City Staff. Educational forums have been given as part of the initial phase of an education campaign. The Petersburg pandemic flu task force will meet in April to discuss the next steps of the campaign.
- The Planner and Surry School Superintendent discussed pandemic flu and emergency planning as related to public health events. An initial education session will be held in Surry on April 5th with school and city officials.
- A pandemic flu overview and preparedness presentation was given to the Hopewell Rotary Club. The presentation gave historical information about pandemics and preparedness efforts taken by the city. Additionally, personal preparedness was a major focus of the presentation.
- As part of the planning efforts for the 2007 Crater Health District POD exercise, the planning team will enlist the collaboration of the Crater PanFlu Coordinating Committee. The committee is made up of members of emergency planning and local officials for each locality within the Crater HD. The committee will meet again on April 4th.
- Pandemic Flu preparedness information was given to planning members at Southside Regional Medical Center for inclusion in their internal plans as well as staff education.
- The Planner updated the Health Director and management staff on EP&R efforts and discussed next steps in planning for VERTEX and the district POD exercise.
- The Planner and Health Director attended a stakeholders meeting for CRI.

- **Cumberland Plateau**

- Director, Epidemiologist and Planner attended the Mountain Media-Public Safety Council (MMPSC) in Bristol (Director is Co-Chair of the council). A committee is being created to define protocols for regional Joint Information Center (JIC) and media participation, which included discussions on how the JIC would be used during a PanFlu event.
- Director provided the handout from the satellite broadcast by the University of Albany's School of Public Health on "Engaging the Public in Pandemic Flu Planning," which dealt mostly with the issue of self-imposed isolation and how to make it work.

- Planner met with four nursing homes and one assisted living facility to discuss PanFlu preparedness efforts, special needs, sheltering in place, evacuation and emergency contact information.
- District is interviewing for Program Support Technician to assist with PanFlu planning and communication activities.
- Director, Epidemiologist and Planner attended the EPR Program Update PolyCom, which included PanFlu preparedness efforts and future program goals.
- **Eastern Shore**
 - Educator presented information to 80 students at the Northampton High School. This presentation was in conjunction with the Vocational Culinary Arts Program.
 - Educator prepared and distributed a newsletter with information regarding PanFlu training sessions for the MRC; these newsletters will be distributed monthly.
 - Educator attended the state Epidemiology Conference and participated in the PanFlu discussion.
 - Educator participated in local health fair at Pungoteague Elementary School. Over 300 people received services. Brochures and information regarding proper hand washing practices and PanFlu were distributed, and GLO-GERM presentations were scheduled.
 - PanFlu information was presented to the Atlantic Ruritan Club by the Planner.
 - Provided all PanFlu factual and current planning information to March CERT class.
- **Fairfax**
 - PanFlu team continued planning meetings with speaker and co-sponsor for upcoming May 17 Summit for Faith Communities.
 - Director and PanFlu team met with interfaith leaders, including Muslim leaders, to plan special outreach to that community.
 - Presented briefly to a few members of Sleepy Hollow Citizens Association; asked to return in April to larger group.
 - Conducted a summit for businesses in collaboration with the County Purchasing Agency; approximately 50 persons attended; provided information about PanFlu preparedness and COOP planning.
 - Participated in Business Expo with tabletop display.
 - Second Summit for Physicians on Pandemic Preparedness with breakout sessions on COOP; Medical Surge Issues; Disease Prevention and Infection Control; 60 persons attended.
 - PanFlu Physician Consultant presented to Northern Region IV Health Educators; 30 people in attendance; asked to address the statewide meeting in April.
 - Reviewed the American Red Cross video on PanFlu (excellent product) along with Discussion Guide.
 - Continued planning for series of seminars targeting small businesses in cooperation with area chambers of commerce and local district elected officials; series will be conducted during May and June; developed text for posters and flyers for this program; met with graphic designer.
 - Held first major coordination meeting with Public School officials regarding PanFlu planning related to possible school closures; goal is to develop a joint action/decision matrix; will have monthly meetings to facilitate joint planning.
 - Held first meeting with Physician Advisory Committee for PPE campaign for community physicians; will conduct the campaign to encourage and facilitate N-95 fit testing over the course of the spring-summer 2007 with goal of developing a sustainable physician-led program.

- **Hampton**

- Two meetings of Schools PanFlu Working Group and School Safety Committee. Continue developing plan for students to be able to use Internet and local TV station to broadcast classes.
- Planner met with the Military PanFlu Working Group and the Hampton Roads Military Collation Committee to discuss a combined effort of VDH and TRICARE dispensing sited to dispense antivirals to 500K TRICARE beneficiaries. Planner recommended and group agreed that all local EPR Planners should attend, and they have been invited by USJFCOM to attend the next meeting on April 12.
- Planner continues to meet with Langley AFB, 1st Medical Group to discuss PanFlu planning and implementation of the existing MOU for assistance as needed in providing care for patients and distribution of antivirals and vaccine when they become available.
- Planner is part of the City of Hampton Executive Committee for Safety and has presented PanFlu response as part of this working group.
- Planner continues monthly meetings with City of Hampton Public Works, Police, Fire/EMS, City Attorney, Risk Management and Sheriff's Office representatives to discuss PanFlu preparation.
- Planner met with City Attorney and schools' Attorney's Office to look at issues involving sending sick students home as well as Isolation and Quarantine.
- Planner met with Sentara CarePlex Safety Officer discussing PanFlu response.
- Director met with CSB to plan PanFlu and disaster mental health training.

- **Henrico**

- Epidemiologist, Planner, and PanFlu Coordinator continued their outreach visits to nursing homes and assisted living facilities to discuss outbreak prevention and management, emergency preparedness, and pandemic flu.
- Continued planning for local pandemic flu summit to take place this summer.
- Epidemiologist sent weekly avian influenza updates via email to community partners.
- Henrico Health District sent monthly Public Health Bytes newsletter (which includes a Pandemic Flu update and other topics of public health interest) to local healthcare facilities and providers, and other interested parties. Thanks to recent outreach visits to various stakeholder groups, the circulation of the newsletter has expanded significantly in the last 3 months.
- Health Director provided a presentation to local group of practicing dentists on the local health department, including an overview on pandemic flu preparedness.
- Pandemic Flu Coordinator and Planner conducted 2 Medical Reserve Corps volunteer training sessions to maintain volunteer readiness in the community.
- Henrico Health Department responded to multiple Norovirus outbreaks over the past few months and is currently drafting an After Action Report, which will be used to improve Henrico's Epi Response Team (ERT) plan. The ERT is an important component of our local Pandemic/Avian Flu response plan.

- **Lenowisco**

- Planner, Epidemiologist, Director and PanFlu Coordinator attended the Mountain Empire Public Health Emergency Coordination Council Meeting (MEPHECC) at the Washington County Health Department.
- Director, Planner and Epidemiologist attended the RAM meeting at Wise Health Department.

- Planner, Epidemiologist, Director and PanFlu Coordinator met with all staff during quarterly training. The use of N95 mask and other personal protective equipment were discussed, including pandemic flu prevention.
- Planner and PanFlu Coordinator met with the Pound Lions Club in Pound to discuss PanFlu planning. PanFlu Coordinator provided a PowerPoint presentation.
- Planner and Epidemiologist met with other Planners and Regional Planner to discuss table top exercise development and dispensing site drills.
- Director, Planner and PanFlu Coordinator attended the Mountain Media Public Safety Council in Bristol.
- Planner met with Lee County Emergency managers to develop an exercise. District and VDEM will be assisting with the development of the tabletop exercise.
- Planner and Epidemiologist are assisting the Town of Pound in developing and updating the town's EOP.
- Planner and PanFlu Coordinator met with the Lions Club in Appalachia to discuss PanFlu planning. PanFlu Coordinator provided a PowerPoint presentation.
- Planner and Epidemiologist met with the Local Emergency Planning Council in Scott County.
- Planner, Epidemiologist and PanFlu Coordinator provided a PanFlu presentation to a local physician's office in Dungannon.
- Planner and PanFlu Coordinator met with the Lee County Historical Society in Jonesville to discuss pandemic flu planning. PanFlu Coordinator provided a PowerPoint presentation.
- Planner, Epidemiologist and PanFlu Coordinator met with the Gate City Civitan Club in Gate City to discuss pandemic flu planning. PanFlu Coordinator provided a PowerPoint presentation.
- Planner and PanFlu Coordinator met with the Duffield Lions Club in Duffield to discuss PanFlu planning. PanFlu Coordinator provided a PowerPoint presentation.
- PanFlu Coordinator and Epidemiologist met with the Coeburn Kiwanis Club in Coeburn to discuss PanFlu planning. PanFlu Coordinator provided a PowerPoint presentation.
- Planner, Epidemiologist and PanFlu Coordinator met with the Norton Department of Social Services in Norton to discuss pandemic flu planning. PanFlu Coordinator provided a PowerPoint presentation.
- **Lord Fairfax**
 - Planner conducted a PanFlu Tabletop exercise for the City of Winchester Management Teams
 - Planner attended the Frederick/Winchester PanFlu Task Force Meeting
 - Planner developed a PanFlu Tabletop Exercise for the Lord Fairfax Community College's Disaster Preparedness, Planning and Recovery Series of classes for Workforce Development.
 - District held its quarterly PanFlu Advisory Group Meeting. Director and Planner presented updates to the group on Community Mitigation and planning/exercises to date.
- **Loudoun**
 - Provided PanFlu presentations for:
 - ❖ 60 architects and engineers of Parsons Management Consulting at Dulles International Airport;
 - ❖ 18 parent members of the Loudoun Valley High School Parent-Teacher Organization and the high school principal in Purcellville, VA;

- ❖ 18 parent members of the E.S. Tolbert Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association in Leesburg;
- ❖ Director of Human Resources of the Federal Home Loan Banks organization and staff members;
- ❖ 12 members of the Hamilton Fire and Rescue squads in Hamilton, VA; and
- ❖ Ten firefighter/EMT students and two firefighter/EMT instructors at Monroe Technology Center in Leesburg, VA.
- Planning an alternate care facility tabletop to be conducted in June 2007 with Inova Loudoun Hospital and other County partners.
- Consulted with the Director of Loudoun's Area Agency on Aging regarding special needs populations and PanFlu. Organizing a PanFlu and emergency preparedness training for senior citizens presentation in the near future.
- Provided PanFlu presentation for five members of the Leesburg Optimists Club in Leesburg, VA.
- Provided PanFlu presentation for 20 members of the Loudoun chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in Leesburg, VA.
- Provided PanFlu presentation for 28 staff members of the Dominion Academy, a private school in Leesburg, VA.
- Consulted with senior management representatives of the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy on concerning provision of PanFlu presentations for command staff, in-service and recruit law enforcement officers.
- Consulted with a Training Officer from Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Training Academy on concerning provision of PanFlu presentations for command staff, career and volunteer firefighters and EMT personnel, and new fire and rescue recruits.
- Met with a representative of Loudoun Small Business Development Center regarding advertising and preparations for the upcoming April 11 PanFlu seminar for small businesses.
- Posted the Loudoun Pandemic Influenza Response Plan and an FAQ page on www.loudoun.gov/flu. Informed Loudoun citizens of this posting via the electronic alert system.
- The Loudoun PanFlu Response Plan was posted on the Virginia Association of Counties (VACO) website: www.vaco.org
- Participated in a tabletop workshop, "Preparing for Bio-Contamination of an Airport Facility" with multiple local response partners.
- Collaborated with a graduate communications student who is producing a short PanFlu awareness DVD.
- **Mount Rogers**
 - Planner and MRC Coordinator conducted pandemic influenza training for all staff of Smyth County Technical School.
 - Planner and MRC Coordinator working with City of Bristol to establish a CERT team. Pandemic preparedness will be a focus of the team.
- **New River**
 - Planner facilitating initial planning steps through the New River Valley Regional Emergency Planning Coalition for mass casualty/pandemic event exercise.
 - Director, Epidemiologist, Planner and other staff continuing dialogue with Regional Planner and Mount Rogers District Planner about ideas/best practices for conducting mass dispensing to correctional facilities.

- Director, Epidemiologist and Planner will participate with Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine's bioterrorism/disaster response two-day exercise scheduled for May 2007.
- Planner continues interaction with partner agencies/local government, school systems, and colleges/universities as they move forward with pandemic preparedness planning.
- The CBERS program held in Roanoke identified agencies/staff who assist special needs population; many useful thoughts/ideas were shared by presenters and audience. Director, Epidemiologist, Planner and staff will use the ideas/suggestions for consideration with internal operations and share with partner agencies as pandemic preparedness planning moves forward.
- Planner met with New River Valley Community Services new Executive Director Les Saltzberg and staff to renew existing MOU and discuss all hazards/pandemic preparedness planning.
- **Norfolk**
 - Department of Health Promotions continues to distribute Pandemic Influenza DVDs to local businesses, community organizations, and faith based organizations. Press release distributed to area news programs regarding availability of DVDs to the public.
 - Emergency Planner was interviewed on ABC News at Noon (WVEC Hampton Roads). Planner promoted the NDPH pandemic influenza DVD and informed the public about the differences between PanFlu, Seasonal Flu, and Avian Influenza.
 - Emergency Planner is working with local health occupations committee to develop an emergency preparedness training/educational presentation. The training will include a large segment on Pandemic Influenza and will be presented at a convention in April.
 - Emergency Planner is developing a continuity of operations plan for Norfolk city departments and agencies. Emergency Planner is developing a continuity of operations plan for local large businesses and is scheduling meetings to discuss PanFlu preparedness plans with these entities.
 - Health Director has advocated the need for cross training in city departments for all large-scale local emergencies, including pandemic flu.
- **Peninsula**
 - Planner provided a PanFlu planning update to PIOs for the Newport News Fire Department, Sheriff's Department and York County Social Services along with several Peninsula MRC members.
 - Planner provided courtesy reviews of emergency plans for two home health agencies and a nursing facility.
- **Piedmont**
 - Central Region PIO will be presenting a seminar on Crisis Communication to district staff and community partners on April 2.
 - District holding interviews for the PanFlu Health Educator position on April 9.
 - Planner working the CVHPA Regional Volunteer Coordinator to increase our volunteer capacity.
 - Planner provided PanFlu presentation to community group
 - Planner working with prison to arrange in-service training regarding preparedness for PanFlu.
 - Director attended Farmville LEPC meeting and participated in planning session regarding communication during disasters.
- **Pittsylvania Danville**

- Educator has called businesses, community clubs and churches to offer PanFlu Planning programs.
- Educator has designed specific PanFlu programs to meet each organization's needs.
- Educator continues to research the latest developments concerning the avian influenza activity in the world and also the latest developments in planning for PanFlu.
- Educator has presented programs to the following groups: Tunstall Young Homemakers, Fairview Friendship Club, Madeline Hurt Friendship Group, Hurt United Methodist Church Members, Midway Baptist Church Members and Laurel Grove Community Center Group
- Educator has the following scheduled for PanFlu presentations:
 - ❖ April 4 – Danville Social Services
 - ❖ April 13 – Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services (Mental Retardation Division)
 - ❖ April 17 – Arbor Baptist Church
 - ❖ April 18 – Pittsylvania County Social Services (Clerical workshop)
 - ❖ April 20 – Danville Headstart.
- **Portsmouth**
 - Continued work on draft PanFlu plan outline.
 - Initiated recruitment for part-time PanFlu Health Educator.
 - Held District Open House, which included an interactive presentation on PanFlu.
 - Director assisted an EVMS Resident in development of a PanFlu presentation for use by EVMS Residents as well as departments within the medical school.
 - District has completed fit testing for N95 respirators for all staff.
- **Prince William**
 - Reviewing District's respiratory plan to determine mask fitting needs and PPE training.
 - Epidemiologist and Planner attended a speaking event on PanFlu presented by the District's Director at Potomac Hospital.
 - Planner met with the District's Emergency Preparedness Team and discussed PanFlu response of the District.
 - Attended the following meetings:
 - ❖ Director and Planner attended Mass Fatality meeting.
 - ❖ Planner, Director and Special Needs Planner attended the Prince William County PanFlu Task Force. Completed the Public Health Charter and Action Plan to be reviewed by the Steering Committee.
- **Rappahannock**
 - Educator met with the City of Fredericksburg PanFlu Task Force to draw up a preliminary report on PanFlu for the City Manager.
 - Special needs conference with VDEM and VDH sponsors regarding emergency preparedness (including PanFlu).
 - Disaster Committee Regional EMS Council met to discuss district-wide PanFlu plan. Submitted first draft.
 - Director, Epidemiologist and Planner met to discuss completion of District's 2007 PanFlu goals.
 - Planner and Epidemiologist gave a PanFlu presentation to 25 members of Rappahannock Regional Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters.
 - Planner made PanFlu presentation to Pneuamansend Creek Regional Jail staff. Jail staffers plan to form a regional PanFlu working group.

- Epidemiologist and Planner met with Caroline County's School Health Advisory Board to work on the school's PanFlu plan.
- District's PanFlu PIO committee met to discuss PanFlu brochure content and the upcoming JIC class.
- Epidemiologist, Planner and Educator met to discuss PanFlu budget.
- Epidemiologist, Planner and Educator met to develop a survey for first responders.
- Epidemiologist and Educator attended a Polycom discussing PanFlu budget.
- Epidemiologist, Planner and Educator attended a meeting of the special needs community at the Fredericksburg DisAbility Resource Center.
- Epidemiologist and Educator presented an update on PanFlu preparedness to members of the District Environmental Health staff.
- **Rappahannock-Rapidan**
 - Planner and MRC Coordinator gave four presentations to community groups.
 - MRC coordinator presented to the Marshall Methodist Church Lunch and Learn group, consisting of 60 people.
 - Epidemiologist and Communicable Disease nurse gave a presentation to the Fauquier County Schools' nurses.
 - MRC coordinator held three trainings in preparation for the upcoming RRMRC mass vaccination drill.
 - Planner and MRC Coordinator attended the CBERS class and distributed PanFlu materials.
 - Planner met with representatives from both hospitals and emergency managers from three counties on surge planning.
 - Northwest Regional Industrial Hygienist gave a class on developing a Respiratory Protection Program to representatives from local physicians' offices.
 - Epidemiologist and Planner faxed a flyer for upcoming Respiratory Protection Training sessions to all physicians' offices in the District.
 - Educator attended the PanFlu update at the Northwest Hospital Group Meeting.
 - Planner and PanFlu Intern continue to receive inquiries and requests from faith based organizations concerning the recent mailing. We are scheduling additional presentations.
- **Richmond City**
 - Hired PanFlu Coordinator, who will start in early April.
 - Working with Police, Fire and EMS to coordinate dates for PanFlu awareness training within their departments
 - Training developed for City Government Department Leaders; training will be conducted over the next three months.
 - Awareness packets have been sent to day care centers and private schools.
 - Training objectives have been developed for the general population awareness program.
 - Public Health Response Team policy developed and under review of the Management Team; has already been adopted by the District Management Team.
 - Identified individuals who respond to certain types of events and training as part of their specific job/disaster-related duties.
- **Roanoke/Alleghany County**
 - Educator wrote an article on PanFlu, which was published in the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce's *Business Connections* magazine for the first quarter of 2007.

- Educator and Roanoke City Emergency Planner participated in a flu vaccine meeting to strategize seasonal flu shot clinics for the 2007-2008 flu season.
- Educator participated in a nationwide PanFlu conference call with Dr. Michael Osterholm entitled, “Pandemic Flu Update: Are We Unprepared?”
- Educator sent out invitations to a PanFlu planning roundtable meeting, scheduled for early April, for K-12 school systems and their respective emergency managers and planners.
- Educator sent out invitations to a PanFlu planning roundtable meeting, scheduled for mid-April, for local colleges and universities and their respective emergency managers and planners.
- **Southside**
 - Contacted the Principals of the Halifax County Schools to set up PanFlu presentations; at this time 1 presentation is scheduled for April.
 - Conducted a PanFlu Presentation to the South Hill Lions Club; 23 attending.
 - Scheduled 2 PanFlu and infection control presentation for Mecklenburg PTA in April.
 - Organizing a community health fair for Parkview Middle School in April to provide PanFlu, infection control measures and other health topics.
 - Scheduled a PanFlu and infection control presentation for all 1st – 5th graders at Buckhorn Elementary for their field day event on June 1st.
 - Designing a MOU between the Southside Health District and the Marine Corps League for their assistance with public health initiatives or emergencies.
 - Conducted 3 PanFlu presentations and infection control trainings for 3 public school PTAs/PTOs. Mar 13, 15, 27, total attending 164.
 - Mecklenburg County School Nurses and teachers are presenting information on infection control & good hygiene information to the students. The use of the “Why Don’t We Do It in Our Sleeves” videos in the classrooms has been very successful in the elementary schools.
 - Halifax County School Nurses and teachers are presenting infection control and hygiene information to the students. The use of the “Why Don’t We Do It in Our Sleeves” video has been very successful throughout the schools.
 - Met with Halifax Public School nurse supervisor on Mar 26, discussed school priority on infection control due to the high rate of absences caused by influenza.
 - Presentations were held four groups of employees at the Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative. Total of 105 employees attended.
 - Scheduled PanFlu and infection control presentation for Aarons Creek Ruritan Club on April 3.
 - Attended two MRC trainings on epidemiology related to PanFlu.
 - Ongoing discussion of MOU with Central Virginia Health Center (federally funded health center) in Brunswick for possible mass dispensing through that site.
 - Continue to work with Executive Director of Boydton Medical Center about establishing their organization as POD.
 - Conducted PanFlu and infection control presentation to Clays Mill Elem PTO with over 50 attending.
 - Conducted two Epi presentations for the MRC Volunteers and its relation to a PanFlu epidemic.
 - Conducted PanFlu and infection control presentation to Halifax Elementary PTO with over 300 attendees.
 - Halifax Regional Hospital, with the Southside Health District and MRC volunteers, participated in a PanFlu exercise titled Operation Surge. The purpose of the exercise

- was to evaluate HRHs ability to surge above and beyond normally staffed beds. This was accomplished with the deployment of 40 cots throughout pre-designated locations within the hospital. The local MRC was activated to test the ability of HRH to credential and privilege volunteer staff. All plans seem to have worked well with only a few modifications required.
- Dr. Julius Hite, SMRC volunteer, conducted a PanFlu and infection control presentation to the Gospel Baptist Tabernacle for 15 people.
 - **Thomas Jefferson**
 - Hired new PanFlu coordinator.
 - Participated in city/county emergency preparedness seminar for public which included PanFlu preparedness Health and medical work group continued to meet and work on community triage and mass fatality plan development.
 - Distributed PanFlu educational materials at local public and emergency planning meetings.
 - **Three Rivers**
 - Planner sent out invitations, confirmed speakers and group facilitators, and made other preparations for the April 4 PanFlu seminar entitled “Maintaining Services in the Face of Extreme Emergencies,” the Continuity Planning Seminar to be held in Montross.
 - Planner presented PanFlu information to Rappahannock Area Health Education Center and the discussed the possibility of District administering flu shots at the Northern Neck Community Health Fair in November.
 - Planner spoke with representative from Tappahannock Free Clinic and has scheduled a presentation at public health forum on April 19.
 - Planner gave PanFlu home and individual planning presentation to members of King William County Senior Center and to the Central Virginia Health Services, Inc., Lay Outreach Program Coordinator.
 - Planner and Public Health Nurse Manager gave PanFlu Presentation to Gloucester County Schools Health Nurse Manager and Page Middle School custodial staff.
 - **Virginia Beach**
 - The Virginia-Pilot wrote a two page article in its Business and Technology section that covered our Business Seminar we had in February and emphasizing the importance of businesses getting involved in Pandemic planning. Great coverage and several follow-up calls from businesses to come and speak. Also, received coverage in Inside Business Magazine for the seminar. Our Health Educator and the Regional Trainer are now assisting other districts in the region in putting their own together.
 - April 2 is the deadline for all city departments to submit their internal pandemic plans to the Emergency Planner for review. As of March 30, we have received about 20 plans out of 33 departments. We will utilize this information to pull the overall city plan together and formulate the city COOP.
 - Currently, planning for a citywide tabletop in the fall and a school leadership tabletop in late summer/early fall.
 - **West Piedmont**
 - Planner and Epidemiologist attended the Franklin County PanFlu Planning Group monthly meeting. Items discussed included possible medical staff for Ferrum College and Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital food and laundry services. Ferrum is concerned with patient care for students unable to leave campus during a pandemic, and Carilion has food and laundry delivered from its Roanoke-based parent hospital.

- Planner delivered 8,500 PanFlu booklets to the Franklin County School Administration office for distribution to the Franklin County School students.
- Planner and Epidemiologist attended the Henry-Martinsville PanFlu Planning Group meeting. The group discussed the public's apathy toward a potential pandemic and how that mentality could be changed. Suggestions included continued outreach and education. The group also discussed shelters and how they might be operated during a pandemic.
- Planner and Epidemiologist attended the Community Based Emergency Response Seminar (CBERS), "Preparing for All Abilities," in Roanoke. Presentations about emergency planning, evacuation and sheltering of special needs populations were followed by a panel discussion that highlighted some additional needs for specific groups. Information gathered at CBERS can be used in both emergency planning and PanFlu planning.
- **Western Tidewater**
 - Planner and Epidemiologist attended the monthly Franklin/Southampton PanFlu Committee Meeting with the Franklin City Manager, Emergency Manager and Executive Secretary, Southampton Memorial Hospital Safety Officer, Southampton Memorial Hospital CEO, Dominion Virginia Power Safety Officer, Southampton County Sheriff and a member of Franklin City Council. The five subcommittees – Planning, Continuity of Operations, Coordination and Implementation, Family Preparedness and Public Awareness/Education were condensed into four, with Continuity of Operations and Planning merging into one subcommittee. These four subcommittees continued work on their respective areas. Their findings were reported to the main committee. The next meeting will be April 4 at noon at Southampton Memorial Hospital in Franklin.
 - Planner, Epidemiologist and Nurse Manager attended the monthly Suffolk Biological/Terrorism Advisory Committee (BTAC) with the Suffolk Emergency Manager, Suffolk Emergency Coordinator, Sentara-Obici Safety Officer and Suffolk Public Schools' Assistant Superintendent, who briefed the committee on the progress of their school PanFlu Plan. The discussion included sheltering issues during a pandemic and isolation and quarantine. School closures and snow days for businesses were also discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for April 12 at 10a.m. at Obici Memorial Hospital in Suffolk.
 - Planner and Epidemiologist attended the Suffolk Public Schools PanFlu Committee Meeting with the schools' Assistant Superintendent, Director School Nurses, two teachers, two parents, the Director of Food Services and Suffolk's Emergency Manager. The entire meeting consisted of continuing reading, editing, and correcting the PanFlu Draft for the Suffolk Public Schools. A subsequent meeting was held the following week; the same members were in attendance. This two-hour was held to finalize the PanFlu Plan; the plan was finished and approved by the committee. The Assistant Superintendent is now taking the plan to the school board for their approval at their meeting scheduled on April 2.
 - Planner attended the Franklin/Southampton/IOW LEPC Meeting along with the Emergency Manager of City of Franklin, Emergency Coordinator from Isle of Wight County, two representatives from VDEM, Safety Officer of Southampton Memorial Hospital, Safety Officer of Southampton Power Station, Safety Officer of International Paper Company, Fire Chief of Newsoms Volunteer Fire Department and the Chief of Franklin Fire and Rescue; the group discussed PanFlu, which was agreed

upon as a topic for the Annual LEPC meeting because it is an easy fit to include in all-hazard planning.

- Director, Planner and MRC Coordinator attended the Suffolk LEPC Meeting, which was also attended by representatives of CIBA specialty chemicals, VDOT, Kraft Foods, Suffolk City Fire Chief, Suffolk Police Department, Lipton; the group discussed their organizations' plans to date regarding PanFlu.
- The Isle of Wight County PanFlu Committee met for the first time on at the Isle of Wight School Board Office. Planner, Isle of Wight County Schools (IOWCS) Executive Director, IOWCS Coordinator of Instruction, IOWCS PIO, IOW Sheriff, IOWCD Chief of Operations, IOW Department of Social Services, IOWCS Nursing Supervisor, Windsor Chief of Police, IOW Assistant County Administrator, Smithfield Town Manager, IOW Assistant Emergency Manager and Sentara-Obici's Safety Officer attended to review and discuss plans from the federal, state, and other localities were reviewed and discussed. PanFlu information was also distributed and discussed.
- A second meeting of the Isle of Wight County PanFlu committee was also attended by the Epidemiologist, in addition to staff mentioned above. Suzy Kelly, JO-KELL CEO, presented the Employee Disaster Preparedness Guide she created for her organization in response to PanFlu. She discussed its creation, implementation and continued support activities at her company. Also, more information on PanFlu was distributed and discussed. A framework for the PanFlu plan creation was debated and agreed to. The next and all following meetings will be held on the fourth Wednesday of every month at the school board office.
- A Southampton County PanFlu Group is being organized. As soon as a time and place are confirmed, Planner and Epidemiologist will attend and offer support.